

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 9, 17, 25, and 30-33, all as shown below. All pending claims are reproduced below, including those that remain unchanged. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of organizing a plurality of objects, comprising the steps of:

receiving user selections of multiple objects from the plurality of objects;
creating one or more ~~[[a]]~~ groups from the multiple objects;
designating a representative object for each of the groups; ~~[[and]]~~
searching the plurality of objects using a search parameter, and if a particular object meets the search parameter, returning the representative object of any group of which the particular object is a member; and

~~displaying the returned representative objects of the groups, wherein the objects of the group will be treated as a single object such that when a search is performed on the plurality of objects the representative will be returned if any of the objects of the group meet a search parameter.~~

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein an object may be part of more than one group.
3. (Canceled).
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of displaying the representative of the group further includes not displaying the other objects of the group, and indicating that the object being displayed is a representative of the group.
5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further including the steps of:
detecting an additional object; and,

adding the additional object to the group, responsive to the detecting step.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the objects of the group may be viewed by selecting the representative.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the representative of the group may be changed.
8. (Canceled).
9. (Currently amended) An article of manufacture including an information storage medium wherein is stored information for programming a computer to perform a method of organizing a plurality of objects, the method comprising the steps of:
 - receiving user selections of multiple objects from the plurality of objects;
 - creating one or more [[a]] groups from the multiple objects;
 - designating a representative object for each of the groups; [[and,]]
 - searching the plurality of objects using a search parameter, and if a particular object meets the search parameter, returning the representative object of any group of which the particular object is a member; and
 - ~~displaying the returned representative objects of the groups, wherein the objects of the group will be treated as a single object such that when a search is performed on the plurality of objects the representative will be returned if any of the objects of the group meet a search parameter.~~
10. (Original) An article of manufacture wherein information is stored for programming as in claim 9, wherein an object may be part of more than one group.
11. (Canceled).
12. (Original) An article of manufacture wherein information is stored for programming as in claim 9, wherein the step of displaying the representative of the group further includes not

displaying the other objects of the group, and indicating that the object being displayed is a representative of the first and second objects.

13. (Previously presented) An article of manufacture wherein information is stored for programming as in claim 9, further including the steps of:

detecting an additional object; and

adding the additional object to the group responsive to the detecting step.

14. (Original) An article of manufacture wherein information is stored for programming as in claim 9, wherein the objects of the group may be viewed by selecting the representative.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Original) An article of manufacture wherein information is stored for programming as in claim 9, wherein the representative may be changed.

17. (Currently amended) An apparatus for organizing a plurality of objects, comprising:

a processor;

a display device in communication with the processor; and,

a processor readable storage medium in communication with the processor, containing process readable program code for programming the apparatus to perform the method of organizing a plurality of objects, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving user selections of multiple objects from the plurality of objects;

creating one or more ~~[[a]]~~ groups from the multiple objects;

designating a representative object for each of the groups; ~~[[and,]]~~

searching the plurality of objects using a search parameter, and if a particular object meets the search parameter, returning the representative object of any group of which the particular object is a member; and

displaying the returned representative objects of the groups, ~~wherein the objects of the group will be treated as a single object such that when a search is performed on the plurality of~~

objects the representative will be returned if any of the objects of the group meet a search parameter.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein an object may be part of more than one group.

19. (Canceled).

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the step of displaying the representative of the group further includes not displaying the other objects of the group, and indicating that the object being displayed is the representative of the group.

21. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the processor readable program code contained in the processor readable storage medium further includes the steps of:

detecting an additional object; and,

adding the additional object to the group responsive to the detecting step.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the objects of the group may be viewed by selecting the representative.

23. (Canceled).

24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the representative may be changed.

25. (Currently amended) A method of organizing a plurality of objects, comprising the steps of:

receiving user selections of multiple objects from the plurality of objects;

creating one or more [[a]] groups from the multiple objects;

designating a representative object for each of the groups; [[and]]

searching the plurality of objects using a search parameter, and if a particular object meets the search parameter, returning the representative object of any group of which the particular object is a member; and

displaying the returned representative objects of the groups, wherein each ~~the display of the returned representative object~~ is such that it is expandable to show all the members of the group or collapsible to show only the representative object, ~~wherein the objects of the group will be treated as a single object such that when a search is performed on the plurality of objects the representative will be returned if any of the objects of the group meet a search parameter.~~

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein in the collapsed display an indication of the expandability is shown.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the objects of the group may be viewed by selecting the representative.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the representative of the group may be changed.

29. (Canceled).

30. (Currently amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the step of designating a representative is performed by designating the first object selected during the step of ~~selecting first and second objects~~ receiving user selections of multiple objects from the plurality of objects.

31. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of designating a representative is performed by designating the first object selected during the step of ~~selecting first and second objects~~ receiving user selections of multiple objects from the plurality of objects.

32. (Currently amended) An article of manufacture wherein information is stored for programming as in claim 9, wherein the step of designating a representative is performed by

designating the first object selected during the step of ~~selecting first and second objects~~ receiving user selections of multiple objects from the plurality of objects.

33. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the step of designating a representative is performed by designating the first object selected during the step of ~~selecting first and second objects~~ receiving user selections of multiple objects from the plurality of objects.